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1. WHILE CUBAN PERMREP ALARCON HAS SPOKEN AT LENGTH (MOST RECENTLY ON FEB 10) AT THE THREE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS OF THE COMMITEEE OF 24 HELD SO FAR THIS YEAR, HE HAS MADE ABSOLUTELY NO REPEAT NO REFERENCE TO PUERTO RICO. AUSTRALIAN DEPUTY PERMREP CAMPBELL (ONE OF COMMITTEE'S VICE CHAIRMEN) TELLS US THAT ALARCON HAS NOT RAISED PUERTO RICAN ISSUE IN PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS EITHER, EVEN THOUGH COMMITTEE AGREED AT LAST SESSION TO GIVE PUERTO RICAN ISSUE "PRIORITY" THIS YEAR AND IS NOW ESTABLISHING ITS WORK SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR. CAMPBELL BELIEVES ALARCON SOMEWHAT HESITANT TO PUSH PR ISSUE SO SOON AFTER TERRORIST BOMBING OF FRAUNCES TAVERN BECAUSE CUBANS MAY FEEL THAT NEW YORK PRESS WOULD CHARGE THEM WITH INSTIGATING PR TERRORISM IN NEW YORK. WE NOTE THAT CUBANS HAVE IN THE PAST TEMPORARILY LAID LOW ON THE PR ISSUE WHEN THEY APPARENTLY HAD MORE IMPORTANT BILATERAL CONCERNS AT STAKE (E.G. NEGOTIATION OF HIJACKING TREATY DURING EARLY PART OF 27TH UNGA). KEY FACTOR OF COURSE WILL BE EXTENT TO WHICH PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENTISTAS EXERT PRESSURE ON CUBANS TO PUSH ISSUE AGAIN THIS YEAR.
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